

Short News Stories From All Over Virginia

WILL INVITE GOVERNOR

Stanton, Va., February 3.—Governor Mann will be invited by the Workingmen's Fraternal Association to address them in Stanton on the subject of state sale of convict labor by contract. The association hopes that the Governor will accept the invitation, and in this hope the assignment of subject and speaker for the open meeting next Saturday night is being left blank. At the executive session last night preceding the open meeting, the further steps of the organization in its present attention to the "live subject" of convict labor in Virginia were planned, and in the course of the coming week it was said, some correspondence between the Governor and the association will be given out for publication.

TO BE BUILT AT NEWPORT NEWS.

Contract Signed for Tank Steamer Which Will Cost \$750,000.

Newport News, Va., February 3.—General Manager Hon. L. Ferguson, of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, has confirmed the report published about two weeks ago that the local yard will build an immense oil steamer to cost in excess of three-quarters of a million dollars. The ship, which is to be the largest all-carrying vessel ever built in this country, will be constructed for the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey.

The steamer will be officially designated at the plant as hull No. 178. She will be about 40 feet in length, will have a carrying capacity of 10,000 tons oil, and will cost approximately \$750,000. The tanker will be propelled by a quadruple expansion engine of the reciprocating type of about 3,000 horsepower, and will have a speed of not less than eleven and a half knots an hour. Under the terms of the contract, the vessel must be ready for delivery to her owners at the expiration of fourteen months from the date of the signing of the contract.

CHURCH CLEARED OF DEBT.

Men Who Attend Judge Burns' Dinner Raise Needed Amount.

Lebanon, Va., February 3.—The esteemed Judge of the Twenty-seventh Judicial Circuit, Hon. William E. Burns, at his home Friday evening at an oyster dinner. The invited consisted of twenty-one Methodist Church members.

Soon after partaking of the substantial viands, Glimmer brought up the subject of the church indebtedness and stated that \$211 was yet unpaid. Plans for liquidating the indebtedness were discussed, and at every body was afraid of the note plan, the \$211 was put up in cash and checks, and now Lebanon prides itself on having a handsome \$4,500 church, and it all paid for.

IN FIGHT FOR FORTUNE.

Residents of Covington Join With Other "Covington, Va., February 3.—Involved in the fight of the Calvert heirs to recover a vast fortune, consisting of lands and money valued at millions of dollars, the heritage left them by the distinguished progenitor of the family in America, Lord Baltimore (Calvert), which has resolved itself into an issue, attracting nation-wide interest, are two well-known residents of Covington, Mrs. J. M. Perry and Mrs. M. E. Harlow, and Mrs. G. M. Robertson, of Covington. They are direct descendants of the famous English nobleman, and are actively engaged in the concerted effort of all the heirs in America to regain property, in and around Baltimore, claimed as a part of his estate, which through the terms of his will has remained intact for a century.

The estate involved passed into the hands of King James I. of England, through a will drawn in his favor in the seventeenth century. It was bequeathed to Lord Baltimore Calvert himself on having a handsome of the reigning sovereign.

The last will and testament of Lord Baltimore, signed and recorded a short time previous to his death, provided that both the estate and money should be distributed among the members of the Calvert family after a period of 100 years had elapsed.

According to information received by the Covington heirs, that time expired during the year 1912, and the Calverts are now making preparations to appoint a special committee from the ranks of the family circle to go to Baltimore for the purpose of obtaining possession of their inheritance, after which, if the mission be successful, it will be divided according to the provisions of the instrument.

ADDITIONS TO ASSESSMENTS.

Nearly Half Million Added to Taxable Values in Roanoke.

Roanoke, Va., February 3.—After nearly three months of hard work, the special grand jury called by the Judge of the Corporation Court to investigate tax returns submitted a report showing as a result of their labors, additions to assessments amounting to \$450,000. The bulk of the increase are on automobiles and annual purchase of stock by merchants.

The jury, recognizing that a large amount of property escapes taxation, recommends that another grand jury be called to pass on returns for taxation made this year. The report emphasizes the inequality of taxation under existing laws, and expresses the opinion of the tax system now in force is unsuited to present-day needs and conditions.

FARMERS ORGANIZE.

Will Hold Regular Meetings to Discuss Agricultural Topics.

Fredericksburg, Va., February 3.—Farmers in this section have recently organized for the purpose of holding regular meetings and discussing agricultural topics. Two meetings have already been held, and the next one will be held in the courthouse building, Fredericksburg, Saturday, February 16. A program has been arranged, and there will be prominent speakers. H. Jones is president of the organization, and E. H. Randall, secretary.

TRAMPED BY HORSE.

Rider Is Thrown When Animal Becomes Frightened at Auto.

Harrisonburg, Va., February 3.—Thrown from his horse and trampled under the wheels of a passing automobile, William S. Wright, twenty-two years old, lies painfully and seriously injured at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Wright, near Keokuk. Two of his ribs are fractured, his back lacerated and sprained, his neck and head hurt and his face cut. After lying unconscious in the road for a time he staggered to his feet and walked half-dozed towards the nearest house. It is feared that he is internally injured. His condition is serious.

SPRING ON BOTH SIDES.

Wild Geese Fly North and Fruit Trees Are in Bloom.

Irvington, Va., February 3.—From the Eastern Shore comes the report that John Payson, of Accomac, planted two barrels of Irish potato seed over two weeks ago. The last of February is considered early for planting. The wild geese which have wintered on the Eastern Shore have gone north. Strawberry vines have been in bloom for a week, and a plum tree in Onancock is in full bloom.

On this side of the bay peach and other trees have also been noted in bloom, and violets and other flowers have bloomed in the open all the winter. Captain A. J. Hamilton, of Irvington, captured a lizard Sunday, which gave a good chase and appeared as nimble as if August.

TAX REFORM ORGANIZATION.

Formed by Citizens of Lacey Springs at Recent Meeting.

Lacey Springs, Va., February 3.—An unusually interesting tax meeting was held in the Town Hall Tuesday night. The room was well filled, some coming from quite a distance. A permanent organization was formed with C. J. Brock as chairman, P. E. Rhinehart, assistant chairman, Sidney A. Summers, secretary, and Prof. John W. Taylor, S. Shaver, L. B. Morris, J. J. Cain, P. E. Rhinehart and others. On motion of Ira Long a committee was appointed to visit the local organizations similar to this one. A liberal collection was taken to defray expenses. The committee on resolutions prepared and submitted a splendid paper, which was unanimously adopted. The next meeting will be held on February 11.

BOARD WILL URGE SOUTHERN TO HELP

Wants Railroad to Cede Land So as to Widen Fourteenth Street.

WOULD MAKE VIADUCT FREE

Resolution Requests Owners Not to Charge Pedestrians—Vehicles Not Included.

Co-operation between the city and the Southern Railway Company in the widening of Fourteenth Street, south of Cary Street, is proposed in a resolution offered in the Administrative Board by Mr. Folkes yesterday and adopted. It instructs the chairman of the board to write officially to the president of the Southern Railway Company, asking how many feet from the eastern side of its present yard it is willing to cede to the city for the widening of Fourteenth Street, the concession to be made in recognition of the many tracks and other rights granted the Southern Railway in the streets of this city, and because the widening of South Fourteenth Street will greatly facilitate the handling of both freight and passenger traffic at the depots of that road, both its freight and passenger stations being located on South Fourteenth Street.

Contracts were awarded by the Printing Contracts Board yesterday for the year 1913 for city printing, binding and stationery as follows: Printing of all kinds, Clyde W. Saur, 100 cents; binding and ruling, Weymouth, Meiler and Smethie; stationery, the Southern Stamp and Stationery Company; advertising, the Richmond Journal and the Daily German Advertiser.

Free use by pedestrians of the Maryland Street Viaduct either as a concession by the owning company, the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company, or on payment of a lump sum by the city, is suggested in a resolution offered by Mr. Hirschberg and adopted.

Free Use of Viaduct.

The resolution requests the president of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company to open the viaduct free of charge to pedestrians, or, if such use would occasion any great loss to the company, the company is invited to make the city a blanket proposition covering the annual charge for which the company will open the bridge free to pedestrians. No reference is made in the resolution to vehicle traffic, which pays the bulk of the toll collected. It was suggested that the resolution might be the entering wedge to a proposition to sell the viaduct to the city. Mr. Beck stated that he would oppose any such move, as he favored the city building on Grace or Broad Street its own viaduct of reinforced concrete, along much more substantial and permanent lines than the street railway viaduct.

Pay Roll Approved.

Pay rolls covering the second half of the month of January were ordered paid, as follows: Street Department, \$6,714.55; Water Department, \$1,045.59; Gas Department, \$5,689.85; electric plant, \$1,171.59; City Home, \$924; Street Cleaning, \$4,591.50.

By resolution, the Superintendent of the Water Works was charged with the custody, upkeep and maintenance of all public watering troughs and drinking fountains. The Superintendent of the Gas Works reported the cost of service pipes in Main Street, from Rowland to Mulberry, as being \$588. The work was ordered done, as the board expects to pave with granite blocks that part of Main Street this year. A former order of the board for removal of obstructing steps and area in front of 1301 East Main Street was rescinded, the owner to give an indemnifying bond saving the city harmless from any accident or injury that may occur.

Gas House Coked.

On motion of Captain McCarthy the Superintendent of the Gas Works was requested to appear before the board and explain the conditions under which Gas House coke is sold, especially with reference to the rights of certain men who make a business of delivering such coke to consumers. On motion of Mr. Hirschberg the resolution was supplemented to request the Superintendent of the City Home and of the Gas Works to come before the board in connection with the advisability of furnishing the fuel coke which is a by-product of the Gas Works, to the poor of the city, in lieu of the wood now purchased for that purpose.

City Engineer Charles E. Bolling reported resignations from his staff of Assistant Engineers E. J. Keegan and A. J. Saville, and of F. Foster Witt,

Youngest Wife of Congressman



MRS. CLYDE H. TAVENNER.

wife of the Congressman-elect of the Fourteenth Illinois District will have the distinction of being the youngest wife of a member of the Sixty-third Congress. She is twenty years of age.

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News of South Richmond.

FIRE DESTROYS STATION

General Utility Building at Granite Ruined by Flames Sunday Night.

Fire of unknown origin Sunday night completely destroyed a large frame structure at Granite. The building was used by the Southern Railway as a passenger and freight depot, and also housed the general store and post-office. The upper portion of the structure was used as a dwelling by several families. All escaped without injury.

The building was burned to the ground. The fire was discovered after the occupants of the upper floor had retired for the night. Heroic efforts were made by numbers of people to extinguish the blaze, but as there was no supply of water close at hand, nothing could be done further than to save some of the contents of the store. The damage will probably reach several thousand dollars.

Red Men Install Officers.

Indians of the Red Men, last night, at a regular meeting held at Toney's Hall, installed the following officers: Henry A. Holt, prophet; John R. Robertson, sachem; E. W. Lipscomb, senior sagamore; W. L. Childers, junior sagamore; Norwood G. Haddock, first sennep; Walter L. Reams, second sennep; A. B. Walthour, first warrior; Frank W. Owen, second warrior; C. B. Harlow, third warrior; Charles S. McCann, fourth warrior; Berkeley Adams, first brave; R. L. Meyerhoffer, second brave; Ingram W. Taylor, third brave; A. R. Lowry, fourth brave; C. S. Wells, chief of records; Walter A. Deitrick, collector of wampum; Thomas B. Morton, keeper of wampum; W. J. Morrisett, treasurer; Charles Burkert, L. W. Wells and J. M. Perdue, stewards committee.

The degree team of the tribe will journey to Petersburg February 25 for the purpose of initiating a large number of candidates.

Has Fat Docket.

For the first time in many weeks Justice H. A. Maurice entertained a full house in Police Court, Part II. Yesterday's quota of offenders resembled old times, and the city treasury was considerably enriched by the contributions.

Nine dusky bone manipulators caught Saturday night by Captain A. E. Wright in a raid on a house near Second and Hull Streets, each paid the customary fine of \$5 and costs.

The men were: Willie Morton, William Jefferson, J. A. Shepph, Nim Chambers, Arthur Bailey, John Reed, George Davis, Joe Gans and Willie Henry.

James Stairs was charged \$2.50 and costs for being drunk and down. Wilcox Crump, colored, who faced the bar on the same charge was assessed \$4 and costs.

Damned Suit Compromised.

Upon being notified yesterday that a compromise had been effected in the \$10,000 suit of S. J. Robertson, administrator of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, which was scheduled for trial this morning in Hustings Court, Part II, Judge Ernest H. Wells ordered the case removed from the docket. By the compromise the plaintiff will receive the sum of \$1,000.

The action was brought to recover damages for the death of Millard J. Robertson, who fell from a Hull Street car in Swansboro, and died from a fractured skull. J. C. Page and David Meade White represented the plaintiffs.

Again Under Arrest.

For the second time in three days, James Stairs, of Swansboro, is in the hands of the Southside police. He was arrested last night on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He appeared in Police Court, Part II, yesterday morning on a similar charge and was fined \$2.50 and costs. No other arrests were made during the day.

To Visit District Schools.

Members of the Manchester District School Board will make a tour of the schools during the present week. There is considerable talk throughout the district regarding the consolidation of several of the smaller schools and the erection of central buildings at convenient points. Should this be done it will be necessary to have a bond issue floated, and the members of the board wish to familiarize themselves with the situation.

selves with the situation before the patrons of the schools make any demand on them for funds.

To Hold Lenten Services.

At the Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, Twelfth and Decatur Streets, the Lenten season will be ushered in to-morrow morning with the regular Ash Wednesday services. At the morning service, beginning at 11 o'clock, the daughter of the church will be followed by the celebration of Holy Communion. Rev. F. Ernest Warren, rector of the church, will preach at the evening service at 8 o'clock.

Services will be held in the church Friday night. Rev. David H. Lewis will deliver the sermon. On Sunday morning the rector will begin a series of five sermons on "Prayer."

To Have Evangelistic Lecture.

Rev. J. Saunders Jones, an evangelist from Keelung, O., will lecture next Monday night at Weatherford Memorial Church. The subject of his address will be "The Greatest Thing Ever Written."

"Swapping" party will be given Thursday night at the Central Methodist Church parsonage. The proceeds will go into the treasury of the Ladies' Aid Society, under whose auspices the entertainment will be given.

Deaths and Funerals.

Mrs. W. C. Lester, twenty-six years old, died yesterday morning at her home, 3003 Midlothian Turnpike, after an illness of more than a year. She was the daughter of County Officer George Jarrell, of Chesterfield County, and is survived by her husband and one daughter. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Virginia Belle Pierce, 11, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pierce, died Sunday night at 9 o'clock at the home of her parents at Stop 5, Petersburg Turnpike. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home, with Rev. F. Ernest Warren officiating. The burial will be in Maury Cemetery.

Henry Schmidt, of 508 Stockton Street, died Sunday at the Virginia Hospital. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. John's German Church, Eighth and Marshall Streets. The burial will be in Oakwood.

COMMEND SCHOOL BOARD

Episcopal Ministers Go on Record as Favoring Bible in Public Schools.

Resolutions commending the recent action of the City School Board in restoring the Bible to the public schools were passed yesterday at the regular meeting of the Richmond Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The meeting went on record as being unanimously in favor of the action of the board. The resolution is as follows:

"Resolved, That the Richmond Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church notes with approval the action of the City School Board in restoring the Bible to the public schools."

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the president of the City School Board."

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